



## GOVERNOR'S ADVISORY COUNCIL ON AGING

**Meeting Minutes  
November 30, 2016  
5:30 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.  
Arizona State Capitol Executive Tower  
Governor's Office on Aging  
1700 West Washington Street, Suite 240  
Phoenix, Arizona 85007**

### **GACA Members Joining Telephonically**

Becky Brimhall-Lepire (Chair), George A. Evanoff (Secretary), Patsy Gillis, Deborah Hankerd, Diane Joens, Doyle Meredith, Trudy Schuett, Steve Wagner, C.T. Wright

### **GACA Members Absent**

Lisa O'Neill and Melinda Preston

### **GACA Staff Present**

Cathy De Lisa

### **Call to order and welcome**

Becky Brimhall-Lepire, GACA Chair, called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. and asked for a roll call.

### **Review and approval of 10/14/2016 draft minutes**

Chair Brimhall-Lepire called for a review of the draft minutes of October 14, 2016. Following a review, *George Evanoff made a motion to approve as presented; C.T. Wright seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.*

### **Review & discussion – recommendations from the Executive Committee (per November 4, 2016 draft minutes)**

The GACA Chair asked that members reference the November 4, 2016 Executive Committee draft minutes as provided by staff with specific attention to those recommendations highlighted. Following a suggestion that the group review the recommendations by the draft minutes agenda topic, Chair Brimhall-Lepire asked the group to review each section of recommendations accordingly.

### **Action taken regarding Executive Committee recommendations**

As part of the review and discussion of proposed 2017 meeting dates, Steve Wagner shared a potential conflict with the recommended dates. The GACA Chair provided an explanation on how the dates were determined, and Mr. Wagner reiterated his commitment to GACA expressing his intent to determine how best he could participate. Following a review of the recommended 2017 meeting dates of January 6, March 3, May 5, July 7, September 8 and November 3 and the recommendation for GACA members to hold 8:00 a.m. to 8:30 a.m. on the first Friday of every other month for a telephonic meeting to help move the work of each committee and subcommittee forward and address specific business at hand, Chair Brimhall-Lepire called for a motion. *George Evanoff made a motion to accept the dates as presented; C.T. Wright seconded the motion. The motion passed without opposition.*

The group then considered the six recommended priorities.

- Advance efforts to prevent/respond to elder abuse, neglect or exploitation
  1. Educate on legislative protections against financial exploitation
  2. Advocate for legislative changes that protect Adult Protective Services (APS) workers
- Assist in the development of a bipartisan work group focused on aging issues at the Arizona State Legislature
- Continue to endorse Virtual Dementia Tour (VDT) as educational, evidence-based dementia simulation experience for first responders in support of the Arizona Alzheimer's State Plan recommendations
- Continue to advocate for long-term services and supports (LTSS) / home and community-based services (HCBS) as cost-effective ways to keep older Arizonans in their community of choice
  1. Include support for Arizona's caregivers
  2. Promote dementia-friendly, age-friendly communities
- Partner with DES/Division of Aging & Adult Services State Plan on Aging 2019-2022 public meetings for Senior Action Days in 2017
- Marketing Committee –
  1. Educate on purpose/work of the Council (simple, one-page creative piece)
  2. *Legislative Update* email newsletter used as marketing tool
  3. Sponsorship of 22<sup>nd</sup> Annual Indian Nations and Tribes Legislative Day as marketing opportunity

Following a brief discussion, *Diane Joens made a motion to accept the six priorities; George Evanoff seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.*

Chair Brimhall-Lepire directed the group to the recommended objectives for each of the committees.

AICC potential objectives –

- Continue to endorse Virtual Dementia Tour (VDT) by sponsoring 1 – 5 VDT at \$2,000 per each for up to three years
- Continue to advocate for long-term services and supports (LTSS) / home and community-based services (HCBS) as cost-effective ways to keep older Arizonans in their community of choice; include support for Arizona's caregivers through continued education. Promote dementia-friendly, age-friendly communities; GACA member's report out includes tracking of other cities doing dementia-friendly process

LPCC potential objectives –

- Advance efforts to prevent/respond to elder abuse, neglect or exploitation – educate on legislative protections against financial exploitation through tracking done at state and federal level for *Legislative Update*
- Assist in a bipartisan work group focused on aging issues at the Arizona State Legislature

Executive Committee potential objectives –

- Partner with DES/Division of Aging & Adult Services State Plan on Aging 2019-2022 public meetings for Senior Action Days 2017

Marketing Committee potential objectives –

- Education on purpose/work of the Council with simple, one-page piece
- Legislative Update email newsletter is used as a marketing tool
- GACA sponsorship of 22<sup>nd</sup> Annual Indian Nations and Tribes Legislative Day

*George Evanoff made a motion to accept the objectives as presented; Trudy Schuett seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.*

The group was then asked by the GACA Chair to review the GACA recommended objectives.

1. GACA sponsors one to five educational events at a cost not to exceed \$20,000 over the next two years
2. Establish filtering guidelines for sponsorship and a form to be completed for requests
3. Hold an Open Meeting Law training each year
4. Invite the Arizona Commission for the Deaf and the Hard of Hearing to present latest information and research each year
5. Include conflict of interest education for GACA members during new member orientation and member refresher training

*George Evanoff made a motion to approve the GACA objectives; Deborah Hankerd seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.*

### **Recognition of GACA members in January**

Executive Director Cathy De Lisa shared staff regrets that GACA members leaving the Advisory Council on Aging were not recognized for their service at the Annual Planning meeting as has been tradition since it was not called due to lack of a quorum. It was suggested by GACA members that those members plan on attending the January 2017 meeting to be recognized.

### **Brief update – bipartisan work group, new protocol**

C.T. Wright reported out on initial steps being taken to try and set up conversations with new House and Senate leadership ahead of invitations for participation in the bipartisan work group. George Evanoff briefed the group on a proposal being drafted following discussions with the Ombudsman's office to try and offer online meeting capabilities approved by that office. The intent is to offer members of GACA another means of conducting business in an efficient and cost-effective manner.

### **Adjourn**

The meeting was adjourned by GACA Chair Becky Brimhall-Lepire at 6:00 p.m.

**NEXT MEETING:** The next meeting of the Governor's Advisory Council on Aging is planned for Friday, January 6, 2017; time and location to be confirmed and announced by public meeting notice posted at the GACA website: <http://govtrans.az.gov/gaca/>. These meetings are open to the public.